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SUBJECT: MENGISTU THREATENS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH US

1. PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU IN JUNE 13 PRESS CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABABA SAID THE FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON STATUS OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BORDER WHILE ETHIOPIAN FORCES ARE OCCUPIED IN NORTH (EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM AMHARIC):

"EVEN THOUGH SOMALI FORCES WERE BADLY DEFEATED IN THE OGADEN THEY HAVE NOT YET GIVEN UP THEIR WRONG OR MISTAKEN DREAMS. NOW THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT (GSDR) IS SENDING ITS FORCES WITH DIFFERENT UNIFORMS AS GUERILLAS TO ATTACH ETHIOPIA. IT IS TRUE THESE FORCES WILL CAUSE HUMAN AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION. THE SOMALI PEOPLE AND GSDR ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT LEARNED FROM THEIR MISTAKES. NOW PARTICULARLY THE USG IN ORDER TO BUILD UP THE DESTROYED SOMALI FORCES HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO GIVE WEAPONS TO SOMALIA USING THE COVERUP OF SELF DEFENSE. THIS KIND OF DECISION AND SITUATION IS VERY DISAPPOINTING ESPECIALLY WHEN THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA IS

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TRYING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH ALL PEACE-LOVING GOVERNMENTS. THIS SITUATION DEMONSTRATES THAT THE US PEOPLE AND USG WANT TO BECOME ETHIOPIA'S ENEMIES. THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOMALIA WILL FEEL THE SAME TO US AS IF AMERICAN SOLDIERS THEMSELVES HAD INVADDED ETHIOPIA. IF THIS CONTINUES AND SOMALI SOLDIERS ONCE AGAIN INVADE ETHIOPIA USING THESE WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY AMERICA, I THINK THAT THE ETHIOPIAN-US RELATIONSHIP WILL BE

CUT FOR THE FINAL TIME."

2. WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS SEPTTEL.
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